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Ms. Carmen Suro-Bredie
Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20508

Re: Ispat Inland's Retraction of Initial Opposition to Certain Requests to Exclude Products From Import Relief Under Section 203

Dear Ms. Suro-Bredie:

Upon further review, Ispat Inland Inc., the nation's sixth largest integrated steel producer, retracts its initial opposition to certain submissions requesting exclusion of particular steel flat and bar products from any import relief granted by the President under Section 203(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("Trade Act"), as amended (19 U.S.C. 2253(a)). Ispat Inland no longer opposes the exclusion of the following flat products:

Hot-Rolled Dual-Phase Carbon Sheet Steel (X-011 Honda of America)

Hot-Rolled Dual-Phase Steel (X-061 Nippon Steel Corporation/Exclusion 1)

Hot-Rolled Dual-Phase Steel (X-122 Thyssen Steel Automotive/Attachment 4)

Although these flat products are currently under development by Ispat Inland, it cannot be determined at this time when, if ever, these products will be commercially available. In addition, Honda, the end-use customer for most of these products, has a long history of qualifying and purchasing domestic steel products when they become available. For these reasons, Ispat Inland no longer has grounds to oppose these requests.

Ispat Inland no longer opposes the exclusion of the following bar products:

Cold Finished Steel Bar -- JIS S35CL, JIS S48CL, JIS S40CKM-1, JIS SCM420H (X-011 Honda of America)

At this time, Ispat Inland cannot meet or produce the specifications required for these products. For that reason, Ispat Inland no longer opposes these requests.

Thank you for the opportunity to file these retractions. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s

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Ispat Inland Inc.